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FEDERAL WILDLIFE AGENCY ANNOUNCES 1972 DUCK STAMP CONTEST

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that artists have until November 15 to submit drawings or paintings for its annual duck stamp contest. The winning entry will be reproduced on the 1972-73 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp.

Again this year, designs in full color may be submitted. Any American waterfowl except canvasback, hooded merganser, white-winged scoter, Ross' goose, and cinnamon teal will be acceptable. These species are excluded because they were featured on the past five stamps.

Waterfowl that have never appeared on the stamp include red-breasted merganser, common and surf scoter, fulvous and black-bellied tree ducks, Barrow's goldeneye, and emperor and cackling geese.

Waterfowl hunters age 16 and above are required to purchase these Federal stamps. Receipts finance land acquisitions for wildlife refuges.

Contest judges represent the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Wildlife Federation, the Wildlife Society, and the Wildlife Management Institute. The winning artist receives an album containing a sheet of the stamps he designed.

A new contest rule this year limits the competition to individuals who have not been winners in the past three years.

Other Rules:

The design must be horizontal, 7 inches by 5 inches, and on a mat no larger than 8 inches by 11 inches to facilitate judging. Drawing may be pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching, pencil, or other drawing technique.

No scroll work or lettering can appear on the picture itself, but the artist's signature and the name of the species, plus a title for the drawing, should be added just below the picture. The artist's name and address must be lettered on the back of the entry.

No picture can be accepted in a wooden frame or under glass. Each should be mounted on a mat with a covering of tissue or acetate. Artists may submit up to three drawings. Each must be accompanied by a signed copy of the agreement covering reproduction rights.

The agreement and a copy of the "Rules for the 1972-73 Duck Stamp Design Contest" are available from the Office of Conservation Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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